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In other news, I got some additional feedback from my colleagues on this initiative, and developed this sign-on letter in support of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Please see the attached support letter.

Thank you,
Bob Rees, board member
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July 31, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We hope you had a great experience visiting Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument earlier this month. From the media clips, it sounds like you had a chance to get out on the land and meet a variety of people enjoying the amazing trails and waters within the monument.

The Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument has been drawing visitors from around the globe since it was protected under the Antiquities Act seventeen years ago. [Economic studies](#) show the local economy improved following the creation of the monument¹. Its recent expansion added protections to sensitive watersheds and provided additional outdoor recreation opportunities. As you know, salmon, trout and wildlife are the social and economic lifeblood of our rural communities.

We are proud that Oregon is home to the first national monument set aside solely for the preservation of biodiversity, and we appreciate that you also acknowledged the special biodiversity of the place during your recent visit. Not only were the boundaries of the monument based on sound science, but the assets protected will drive Oregon's economy in perpetuity. **As businesses in Oregon that provide and utilize fishing supplies and guiding opportunities, we ask that you keep the existing boundaries and protections in place for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.**

Secretary Zinke, we are thankful that you dropped the Hanford Reach National Monument on the Columbia River, where wild fall Chinook thrive, from the list of monuments under review. For the sake of biodiversity, healthy fisheries, and the economy -- will you now take similar action in Oregon, and provide a reprieve to the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument?

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hopefully fishing with you in the future on one of Oregon's great rivers!

Sincerely,

Bob Rees, owner

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¹ <https://headwaterseconomics.org/wp-content/uploads/CascadeSiskiyou.pdf>

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